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Sunday, November 19, 2006

-- Liberal Political Science professor Dr. Shafiq Al-Ghabra  
editorialized in moderate Arabic daily Al-Rai under the title "Iraq  
Amidst Civil War"(11/19):

"Iraq is entering a tough phase because it is experiencing a civil  
war that is about to destroy the fabric of its society, its history  
and future all at the same time. It is a war with no end in sight  
unless all the parties become tired of playing with the tools of  
death."

-- In progressive Arabic daily Al-Qabas under the title "Mixed  
Papers and Israel Initiated It" Salah Montasir commented (11/19):

"I cannot by any standard excuse Israel from its responsibility for  
this dangerous issue [nuclear weapons]. Had it not broken the law,  
declined to sign international nuclear treaties, and denied the  
inspection of its facilities then there would be incentive for other  
countries to do the same. Countries such as North Korea and Iran  
say, 'why Israel and not us?'"

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